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Disposition of Claims		•					
4) Claim(s) <u>1-3</u> is/are pending in the application.							
4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdraw	n from consideration.						
5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.							
6)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-3</u> is/are rejected.	6)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-3</u> is/are rejected.						
7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.	1. 0						
8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or	election requirement.						
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9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner	•						
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.							
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11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Exa	aminer. Note the attached Office	Action or form PTC	D-152.				
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119							
12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) All b) Some * c) None of: 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.							
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3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage							
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

1. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 3 is directed to a method with no ties to the technological arts. Examples of ties to a technological art include a method implemented through the use of a computer.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 lacks a transitional phrase. It is not clear what part of 1 is a claim limitation.

Claim 2 is directed to a prepaid card yet the limitations include a printed receipt. The printed receipt fails to further limit the card. Clarification is requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

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(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

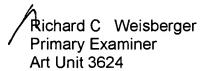
3. Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Risafi.

The reference teaches a prepaid card with a visible and encoded identification numbers, the card being free of visible identification pertaining to the owner. (column 1, lines 54+)

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Richard C Weisberger whose telephone number is 703 308 4408.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vince Millin can be reached on 703 308 1065. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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